Bangalore water supply project

227. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Japan bank of International Co-operation has agreed to fund the proposed Cauvery-IV State, Phase-II water supply project of Bangalore;

(b) if so, the amount of loan to be given by the above Bank;

(c) the percentage of rate of interest for the above loan; and

(d) what is Government's role in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir. However, Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board has reported that a Fact Finding Mission from Japan Bank for International Co-operation (JBIC) visited Bangalore between 29.4.04 — 1.5.04 and 30.5.04—2.6.04 for discussions on the modalities of extending possible loan assistance.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Government's role is that of a facilitator by way of technical clearance of the project proposal by Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organization (CPHEEO), recommendation of the line Ministry, *i.e.* Ministry of Urban Development, clearance from financial angle by Planning Commission, posing of the project, loan negotiations and signing of loan agreement by Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs, etc.

Water supply in urban households

228. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of urban households;

(b) the number of households housing tap water connection inside the premises; and

(c) the availability of water supply in major cities?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) According to the 2001 report of Census of India, 26,676,440 urban households out of 53,692,376 urban households have tap water connection inside the premises.